Contact Persons Together

by Alta Oxendine

What a wonderful experience of fellowship! If only each one of you could have been there with us last Thursday night.

"I want to show you a beautiful picture...Close your eyes for a few seconds...then openthem..You will see some thing really beautiful."

We did.

"Look at the person sitting across from you. Look at all the people sitting around this room. This is truly a beautiful sight."

Bill (staff members are all called by first names) contras-ted the composition of our group with a situation in another county. "There," he told us, "even the people involved in the literacy pro-gram are still working through problems of separation."

As he talked, I was remembering the way it was twenty years ago- when I first came to Robeson County. There were three of everything, with little or no crossing over established boundary lines, even to speak to one another. "Perhaps the Robeson County Church and Community Center has had a part to play in helping to break down barriers and set up communication lines," I was thinking.

Since joining the Center's staff last March, I have had the thrilling experience of being involved with persons who are finding more "likennesses" than differences, as we join our hands in work, our hearts in fellowship. At the Center it is not the way we look on the autalde but the way we feel on the linstde which motivates us to reach out. Church and Community Center Bob Mangum describes this "reaching out" as a ministry of "meeting the needs of the whole person."

One goal of the Center, Bob believes, is "to bring about a kind of community of respect and a kind of community of optimism." During the past few years I have seen this process begin to unfold—as individuals learn to replace fear with a genuine love and concern for persons who have a different external appearance of denominational label.

At the meeting last Thursday night I listened to Bob Mangum, who has pastored Indian churches in this area for 18 years. I listened to Bill Cadle, a former high school teacher in Pennsylvania, who sees people. I listened to James McKinnon, a high school guidance coungelor in Rowland, who was largely responsible for getting the Contact Persons together. I listened to Sidney Locks, pastor of Sandy

Grove Baptist Church in Lumberton, and to Ray Ward, pastor of Calvary Pentecostal Holiness Church. While both have been involved in contacting volunter tutors, Ray gave a report Thursday night on the Center's casework program being carried out by Matilda Hocker, of Prospect, and Carol Oxendine, of the Union Chapel community.

special problems.

The young men who planned this meeting for Contact Persons were hired only as short-term summer workers. But they have thrown their talents, imagination, and energy into finding more effective methods of making the tutoring program work in each local community. It is obvious that they have a dream. Through the tutoring program they hope to prepare individual adults to join the Adult Basic Education classes throughout the county, where they will have the opportunity to develop more advanced skills in the "3R's."

The long-range goal of the Center's literacy program is to-eventually-make available to every person in Robeson County the reading and writing tools for building a better life.

Persons attending the meet-ing from the Pembroke-Pros-pect area included: Mary Lee Goins, Vernon Hazel Locklear, and Bobby Carpenter.

and Bobby Carpenter:

Bobby Carpenter is a preministerial student at Pembroke State University.
Though he and his wife are
from Stenley County, they
have been active participants
at First Methodist Church,
Pembroke, during the past
year. Bobby, who has completed the workshop for tutors,
will be working this fall with
the Center's Senior Citizen
transportation program for a
special religion course which
he is taking.

"Miss" Vernon Hazel and
"Miss" Mary Lee are volun-teer tutors who have also agreed to be "contact per-sons" between the Center and other local volunteer tutors.

Along with my other duties-tutoring youth and adult stu-dents and helping with publi-city for the Center, I am also serving as one of the "contact persons" in the Pembroke community.

Listed below are our tele-phone numbers and times to call: Vernon Hazel Locklear-after 6:00 p.m.--521-4323

Alta Oxendine - any day but Wednesday -- 521-4619

On Wednesdays (Center) -- 738-5204

Mary Lee Goins--9:00-11:00 a.m.--521-4427 4:30-6:00 p.m.--Rudy's Res-taurant. (Or come by Bayside Service Station--between 6:30 and 10:00 p.m.)

Pembroke Jaycees Select Two Jaycees of the Month



Its sort of out of the ordinary to have two Jaycees of the Month for one month, but when more than one person is deserving, it is only fitting and proper that they both be recognized.

Jaycees of the Month for July are Ricky Jones (not available for photo) and Oceanus Lowry. Both are relatively new members of the Pembroke Jaycees and just doing a bang-up job for the Jaycees and their

Birth

Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Furt of Pembroke announce the birth of a son, Brandon Elliott on August 24 in Scotland Memo-rial Hospital.

Mrs. Furr is the former Rose Jacobs.

Brandon's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jospeh Jacobs of Pembroke and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackwelder of Con-cord.

The Furrs have one other son, Brock Morance, age 13 months.

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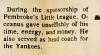
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Sociology with emphasis in Criminology. He is self em-ployed along with his father M.S. Jones, Jr. in Jones' Hardware.

He is also chairman of the He is also chairman of the Pembroke Jaycees' Bloodmo-bile to be held September 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Jaycees' Clubhouse, This will be Robeson County's first community bloodmobile.

Oceanus is employed by Libby-Owens Ford Glass of Laurinburg. He is a general foreman and has been asso-ciated with L.O.F. for three and one half years.

It should also be noted that the Pembroke Jayces' Annual Gospel Sing is the brainchild of Lowry. It will be held again this November in Pembroke State University's plush Per-forming Arts Center featuring the Rambos.







Mr. Chavis quoted a poem that seemed to sum up the life of







Barnwell also lauded the local Indian sub- contractors who handled a million dollars worth of work in the two projects without a hitch.

The Pembroke Housing Au-thority and Redevelopment Commission later hosted a reception and dinner at Sim's Restaurant in Pembroke for guests and friends.





Clinton Thomas, Jr. presents a pin to Richard Barnwell, the state's HUD officer in honor of "his assistance to our town in assuring that every clizen has a decent place to live." [Bruce Barton pack]



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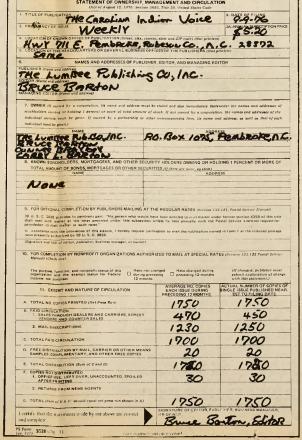
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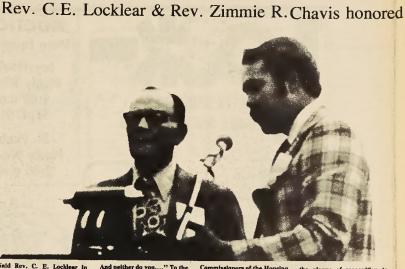
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Said Rev. C. E. Locklear as he accepted a plaque of dedication in his behalf, "I was born in a log cabin... but I didn't stay there." And he added, "I am proud that you have honored me by naming Locklear Court in my behalf. This means that no one will have to live in a log cabin if they don't want to..."

Rev. C. E. Locklear, a minister for more than 50 years, and the first Indian mayor elected by popular vote in Pembroke, has lived an illustrious life. He remembered days when he was a banker of sorts "because the regular bank wouldn't lend our people money." His honor was shared by a number of his twelve living children who shared the proud moment with him.

His name was submitted by Mrs. Bertine Prine, his neigh bor, and longtime secretary to Chancellor English E. Jones of PSU.

The two new housing developments- Chavis Park and Locklear Court were officially dedicated last Thursday afternoon on the grounds of Locklear Court.

Rev. Jim Chavis, the 81-years young son of the late Rev. Zimmie R. Chavis, ac-cepted the plaque of apprecia-tion in behalf of his father whom Mr. Jim said, "taught me things about life that I have never found in a dictionary-real things that count."

The two tributes were in response to a public appeal made by Clinton L. Thomas, Jr., executive director of the Pembroke Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission who asked the public through the medium of The Carolina Indian Voice to submit names worthy of consideration.

Special guests were Jerry Dodson and Richard Barnwell, director of the N. C. Office of Housing and Urban Development who during his remarks told the audience that Pembroke would also be the recipient of a grant to build a day care center at Chavis Park.

Dodson, who substituted for Dr. Larnie Horton, special assistant to Gov. Holshouser on Minority Affiars, is head of the N. C. Office of Minority Business Enterprises.